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News Highlights, August 6-10

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[Award-winning film about Lejeune water shown in Raleigh](#)

The award-winning documentary about the toxic drinking water at Camp Lejeune got a showing in Raleigh Tuesday that included a tribute to the man who led the fight to disclose information about the contamination. The North Carolina Museum of History screened "Semper Fi: Always Faithful," which was released last year, in its auditorium Tuesday. The film chronicles retired Marine Jerry Ensminger's quest to uncover the groundwater contamination. Read more [here](#).

Carolina Parent

[Family History Fair Offers Genealogy Resources, Kids Activities](#)

Interested in exploring your family's genealogy or taking your kids on a trip back to the 18th century? The State Library's Government and Heritage Library will lead the way at its first Family History Fair Saturday, Aug. 11, when you'll learn from speakers, exhibitors and genealogy experts. The free event—designed for experienced family history researchers and beginners—will be held in the Department of Cultural Resources Building at 109 E. Jones Street, in downtown Raleigh, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Read more [here](#).

News & Observer

[Exhibit Explores Miss NC's look through the Decades](#)

On the evening she won the Miss North Carolina Scholarship pageant in June, Arlie Honeycutt wore a deep red, rhinestone-embellished gown. Earlier that evening, she dazzled the stage in a black string bikini, followed by a teal strapless gown – both adorned with geometric sequins. But recently, as she toured the "Miss North Carolina: 75 Years of Memories" exhibit, exploring pageant fashion through the decades at the NC Museum of History, she saw pageant gowns in muted colors, modest one-piece swimsuits and pumps with heels no higher than three inches. Gowns dating back to 1969 are featured alongside those worn this year by Garner native Honeycutt. Read more [here](#).

Salisbury Post

[Spencer's Transportation Museum Celebrates all things Ford](#)

Every type of automobile ever made, even the Edsel and the Pinto, has fans. New or old, refurbished or just well-loved, Fords of all vintages and colors filled the lawn at the N.C. Transportation Museum on Saturday. From Joe and Sarah Strube's 1925 Model T, the oldest vehicle there, to late-model Mustangs and anniversary edition Thunderbirds, there was a Ford for every fan. Read more [here](#).

News and Observer

Scientists hunt for WWII shipwrecks off the Outer Banks

Seventy years ago last month, a convoy of 19 merchant ships guarded by five armed naval escorts sailed south along the Outer Banks, making its way toward Key West, Fla. The United States had entered World War II eight months earlier and shipping along the Atlantic coast from New York to New Orleans was under attack by German submarines. The targets of the U-boats were tankers and freighters that potentially carried fuel and supplies for the Allied war effort. Read more [here](#).

Wilmington Star-News

It's A Civil War Saturday in New Hanover County

The 150th anniversary of the Civil War will be the focus Saturday, Aug. 11, at two New Hanover County historic sites. "Spies, signals and Secret Messages" of the Civil War will be the subject of a day-long program at Fort Fisher State Historic Site, off U.S. 421 south of Kure Beach. Meanwhile, at the Battleship North Carolina Memorial, the Carolina Living History Guild is setting up displays on the two warships – one Union, one Confederate – that bore the name "North Carolina" during the War Between the States. Read more [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

State Historic Preservation Office Provides Grants to Communities

North Carolina citizens take pride in the history and culture of their particular place, and the N.C. State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) helps them retain some ties to the past. This year the office is announcing \$93,000 in federal grant support to help nine preservation projects in eight counties across North Carolina. Read more [here](#).

McDowell News

2nd Saturday Programs Wrap Up this Weekend in Old Fort

The 2nd Saturday programs at the Mountain Gateway Museum and Heritage Center will conclude this weekend with a celebration of old-time farming. The N.C. Department of Cultural Resources has held a series of 2nd Saturday programs this summer in June, July and August. The programs are held at all 37 museums and historic sites operated by the state of North Carolina. The programs combine the arts and heritage with food and fun activities during the summer months. Most events are free, according to a news release. Read more [here](#).